

BOOK REVIEW

JIM WARK AND JOSEPH A. MUSSULMAN. 2004. **Discovering Lewis and Clark from the Air**. (ISBN: 978-0878424894, pbk.). Mountain Press Publishing Company, P.O. Box 2399, Missoula, Montana 59806, U.S.A. (**Orders:** www.mountain-press.com, 800-234-5308). \$40.00, 272 pp., color illustrations, 9 1/2" × 9 1/2".

Aerial photographer Jim Wark and history buff Joseph Mussulman have provided a very different view of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. The route is followed from the air, accompanied by step-by-step discussion of their route choices and explorations.

The idea of the book was simple enough. The authors flew a small plane over the route of the Corps of Discovery and took aerial photos of places along the trail. The principal impression one gets from these photos is how completely the landscape of 200 years ago has vanished—dammed up, paved over and plowed under. The rivers of Lewis and Clark's time (and it was mostly a river journey) are drowned under the slack water of dozens of dams, and where they are not drowned they are often channelized, straightened and otherwise "improved." So it is no surprise that many of the best photos here are of the mountain crossing: Beaverhead Rock, Tobacco Root Mountains, and Bitterroot Mountains. Each photo is illuminated by an analysis by the authors, accompanied by relevant quotations from the Lewis and Clark journals.

The book includes a section of supplemental reading, as well as a bibliography and index. It would be a good addition for public and college libraries that have a particular interest in the Expedition.—Gary L. Jennings, *Botanical Research Institute of Texas, 500 East 4th Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76102-4025, U.S.A.*